(b) whether the State Government has taken adequate measures in this respect; and

(c) what steps the Central Government propose to take to stop this obnoxious practice?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D- SWAMI): (a) to (c) Some cases of extortion of money from business houses in Assam by the militant outfits including ULFA and NDFB have come to the notice of the Government. Where ever the cases of extortions are reported, action is taken to nab the extortionists and prosecute them as per law. Government has taken various steps to bring the law and order situation in Assam under control. These include, *inter-alia*, deployment of Para-military Forces and Army in the State, coordinated action by Army, Para-military Forces and Slate Police for counter insurgency operations and declaration of major insurgent groups as unlawful association under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967, Regular review of the situation both at State and Central Government level is being made.

Human Massacre in Bihar

† 365. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is Government's reaction to the news-item published in the "Dainik Jagran" dated the 5th June, 2000 under the caption "Bihar mein fir Nar Sanhar", togetherwith the measures taken by Government to prevent the same; and

(b) the number of homicides committed, year-wise and location-wise, in Bihar during the last five years; the number of docoities committed location-wise, the number of people killed by extremists, the number of houses burnt to ashes, togetherwith the measures taken to check the recurrence of all these incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

New Legislative measure to replace TADA

366. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering a new legislative

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.